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27/3	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Informing that the Board have prepared a Regulation for punishing frauds committed by Public Servants and requesting to make known to them that they are prohibited from carrying on trade while employed in the Revenue Depts and prohibiting them from receiving or taking supplies of provisions or any other articles from any person without paying for the same
	Do Do	Desiring to select immediately an aumanee village in which there is a proportion of nunjah or punjah lands and cause it

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			be measured, the land to be [illegible] and assessed in the same [illegible] manner prescribed in the printed papers relating to the Survey of the Ceded Districts
10/4	"	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Granting certain allowances to the families of certain Zemindars [This paper is not in the [illegible]]
21/4	"	Do — Do	Transmitting an improved form of a return of the average wholesale selling prices of grain in the Dt. to be furnished Quarterly
24/4	"	Do — Do	Informing that the Govt. has authorised the Quarter Master General of the army to correspond with Collectors for the purpose

[N]umber.	From whom received:	Substance.
		of ascertaining boundaries as they Stand connected with the routes of Troops marching through the Districts of this Presidency
	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Desiring to explain the nature of the muchilikas and Kararnamahs required from the manufacturers of Cloths with reasons for the same, to inform of the nature of the Puttahs required to be given to Nattamgars for conducting the moonsiffs affairs and to explain by what principle or rule orders were issued to the Madacolum Tahsildar to collect Theervah for Thavi or unproductive land

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
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16/10	"	Do Do	Informing that the plan proposed for building Salt godown[s] appears to the Board objectionab[le] on account of the expense.
27/10	"	Do Do	Desiring the Collectors of Settle[d] Districts where attachments are frequent to Submit their opinion on the expediency of entertaining a fixed establishment of Ameenahs proportioned to the number of Estates which usually

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Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
			fall under arrears; and to report fixing the Salaries of these ameenahs at such a rate as to secure the services of respectable natives.
3/11		Secy to the Board of Revenue	Desiring that in all the lands under the immediate charge of Collectors, the inhabitants' share in cases where the Revenue is received in Kind, be delivered to them as soon as the grain is co thrashed out; and that no delay should take place in causing the gross produce to be thrashed — where the Revenue is payable in money, the gross produce should

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Number.	From whom received:	Substance.
		be delivered up to the Cultivator immediately it is reaped or if necessary an equivalent of Govt. Share may be retained and the rest should be made over to the Cultivator without the least possible delay
20/4 "	Secy to the Board of Revenue	Calling attention to the duties which under Section VIII of Reg VII of 1817 devolve on Collectors and informing that Collectors are invested under the orders of the Board with the Superintendence of all endowments in land or money granted for the support of mosques Hindu Temples, or colleges or for other pious and beneficial purpo

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To the Head Assistant Collector
in charge of
Dindigul and Madura

Sir,

Para 1 The Board of Revenue have prepared a Regulation for the purpose of punishing frauds committed by public servants and to amend certain existing rules on this subject - mean time as recent circumstances render it proper that public Servants in the revenue Department should distinctly understand - That they are prohibited from carrying on trade while employed in the Revenue Department - and also that they are

prohibited

prohibited from receiving or taking supplies of provisions or any other article from any person without paying for the same – I am directed to furnish you with copy of an obligation in the Gentoo language of which a translation is annexed, which you will require your head servant in each Department and Cash keeper to sign, as also all the Taseeldars and [illegible] Musmadars of each District and such others as you may deem expedient. –

2 The obligation so signed in the presence of witnesses you will deposite with the record keeper. –

3 All head Servants and other servants named above, who may be hereafter appointed

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appointed must, previously to taking charge of their Office, be required to sign such an obligation to be deposited with the record keeper.

I am
Fort St George
27th March 1817
Despd 29 Do

Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

V. D. Campbell
Secretary

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Translation

I hereby declare that, I will not carry on Trade while employed in the Revenue Department, and that I will not receive or take supplies of Provision or any other Article from any Person whatsoever without paying for the same.

[illegible] Campbell

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Revenue Department

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To the H. Assist. Collector in Madura & Dindigul for the Assumed Pollams

Sir,

Para 1. The Board of Revenue being at present engaged in framing a Regulation for carrying into execution the orders of the Honorable the Court of Directors for the general introduction of the system of assessment and collection called Ryotwary, including the measurement, classification, and assessment of all arable and waste land, whether such land has heretofore been assessed in money or in kind,

kind, and the Board being desirous of ascertaining what obstacles the existing laws oppose to the introduction of this system, as well as what power it may be necessary to give to the persons to be employed in measuring, classing and assessing the land, I am directed to desire that you will immediately proceed to select an Aumanie Village in which there is a proportion of Wet or Nunjah land and cause it to be measured, the land to be classed, and assessed in the mode and manner prescribed in the printed papers relating to the Survey of the Ceded Districts forwarded to you under date the 25th March 1816.

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2. You will immediately cause as many chains to be made for the use of the measurers as may be required, and be careful that they are accurately made.

3. You will submit the establishment you propose for the measurement of the Village and name the Village you have selected.

4. You will report any difficulties that occur from time to time to the Board, in order that provision for their removal may be made in the Regulation now under consideration.

5. You must distinctly understand that all the lawful rights and privileges

privileges belonging to the Cultivator must be preserved unimpaired, and the amount of their shares of the produce, so far as may be practicable, be continued to them. Their assent to the commutation of the public revenue payable in kind for a payment in money will be essentially necessary and some remission will be required to render this change beneficial to them. It is hoped that this remission will be amply compensated hereafter, either by an extension of Cultivation, or a greater facility and regularity in the payment of the public dues. On this subject you are particularly referred to

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para 3 of Colonel Munro's printed letter of the 15th August 1807, sent to you on the 25th March 1816.

6. All fraudulent remission or alienations of the public Revenue discovered by the measurers or Examiners, whether in land or produce, must be reported for the orders of the Board.

7. The Board will expect to receive your report on the result of the measurement, classification, and assessment of the Village to be selected, with all the accounts connected therewith on or before the 1st of November next.

8. You will direct your Assistant

Assistant personally to inspect from time to time the progress of the measurers &ca and their mode of performing the work assigned to them, and require him to report to you the result of his observations, and if practicable you will yourself occasionally ascertain that the work proceeds in a proper manner -

9. You will appoint a certain number of Volunteers, if any fit persons offer their services, to attend the measurers, Examiners, and assessors, with the view of their being employed hereafter when the Ryotwar plan shall be carried on, on a more extended scale -

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10. An account must be taken of the number of Houses and Huts in the Village, of the number of Inhabitants residing in it, of their occupation, of the number of Ploughs and ploughing Cattle, of the number of other Cattle and of the number of Sheep - The number and size of Tanks - Springs and Wells, used for irrigating land from which public revenue is levied must also be ascertained and entered in the accounts.-

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

Fort St. George
3rd April 1817
Despd. 10 Do. Do.

A. D. Campbell
Secretary-

Compd.

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Revenue Department.

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To the Collector in Dindigul &
Madura

Sir,

Para. 1. The Form in which the Returns of the selling Prices of Grain is now made being defective, I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to transmit the enclosed improved Form of a Return of the Average wholesale selling Prices of Grain in the District under your charge, to be furnished quarterly.

2. You will transmit this Statement regularly within 15 days after the expiration of every Quarter, and as it is intended that the Returns of each District should be bound up in a Book, you will be particular in giving directions for having it always drawn out upon Demy Paper, leaving a margin of the size shewn in the Form.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

Fort St. George,
21st April 1817.
Desp. 30 do

[signature]
Secretary.

A Margin of this size to be left, in order that the Statements may be bound up together.

STATEMENT *shewing the* Average Bazar Wholesale Prices *of* Grain *in the* District *of* *for the Quarter ending*

Months.	FUSLY YEARS.	RICE. 1st sort per Garce.	RICE. 2d sort per Garce.	PADDY. perGarce	PADDY. perGarce	DRY GRAINS. GRAIN. Per Garce.	GRAIN. Per do.	GRAIN.	GRAIN.	GRAIN.	GRAIN.	PULSE. Doll per Garce.	PULSE. Gram per do.	PULSE.	PULSE.	PULSE.	PULSE.
		S. P. F. C.	S. P. F. C.	S. P. F. C.													
		If there are more than two principal	sorts of Rice or Paddy, they should	be entered. The sorts of the principal	Crops are meant.	These Columns must be filled up with	the names of a few of the different	Grains in the Ear grown in each Collec-	torship, in the order in which	the Grains are grown in the greatest	quantity.		These Columns must be filled up with	the names of a few of the principal	Grains in the Pod grown in each Collec-	torship, in the order in which	the Grains are grown in the greatest
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Collectors to be careful that the Wholesale Prices are taken. The average of the Wholesale selling Price at two or three of the principal *Towns in the Collectorship will be sufficient.

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To the Collector in Dindigul and Madura

Sir,

I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to state for your information and guidance that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council has been pleased to authorize the Quarter Master General of the Army to correspond with Collectors, for the purpose of ascertaining Boundaries as they stand connected with the routes of Troops marching through

through the Districts under this Presidency, and on subjects connected with the attainment of correct information of distances between Stations in each District.

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
J. W. Russell
Depy Secretary.

Fort St. George
24th April 1817
Despd 1 May

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Revenue Department

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To the Collector of Madura
& Dindigul

Sir

Para. 1 I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your Assistants letter under date the 26th Ultimo.—

2. With reference to the orders issued on the 4th of February to the Ameen of Rumgherry and the Tahsildar of Ramnad, the Board desire that you will explain the nature of the Moochelkas and Kararnamahs required from the manufacturers of

of cloth - and the object for which they are obtained -

3. The Board also desire to be informed of the nature of the Puttahs required to be given to Nattamkars for conducting the Moonsiffs' affairs, as mentioned in your circular orders to the Zemindars of the 10th of February last -

4. In the 24th days diary, there is an order to the Taseeldar of Maudacolum to collect Teerwa for Shauvee, as was done in former years - you will explain by what principle or rule you are guided in demanding Teerwa on unproductive land -

5. With reference to No. 211 in the

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the Register of Petitions, it would be satis-
factory to the Board to be informed under
what Regulation or authority the order
entered in that number was issued. The
application for copies of documents in
No. 215 need not be complied with, unless
they have direct reference to the suit
intended to be instituted. The orders of the
Collector cannot be evidence, if the Collector
was not authorized to issue such orders.

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

W. D. Campbell
Secretary

Fort St. George
28th April 1817
Desp. Ag. Do. Do.

Compd.
W. G.

To the Collector in Madura and
Dindigul

Sir,

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Para 1 I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 28th ultimo.

2d. The reasons assigned in the 2d. Para of your letter for the delay in delivering the Inhabitants share of Grain reaped in the Ramnad Zemindary, are considered satisfactory, and the Board are well pleased to know that it is "customary to divide the "Grain the instant it is reaped and beat out.

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3. With respect to the information which in the 3d. Para of your letter you request to be furnished with, I am directed to acquaint you that where a Zemindar resumes Land to which he is not intitled, he does it at his Peril, but the Collector has not the power to enforce his relinquishment of it and is not competent to try the right between the litigant parties. Where Lands not included in the permanent settlement is taken possession of by the Zemindar, the Collector should sue for the recovery of it, but Enamdars must prefer their claims to the Court.

4th. It is not the intention of the Board to blame your mode of Proceeding in calling upon the Zemindar to restore the Lands of which he had unlawfully possessed

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possessed himself, but in thus stating the mode in which Collectors should proceed on such occasions, they merely wish to point out the course which you should pursue under similar circumstances in future. -

I am
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

Fort St. George
19th June 1817.
Desp. 28th. Do. Do.

A. D. Campbell
Secretary

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To the Collector in Dindigul and Madura

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Sir,

I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date 15th ultimo, and to communicate to you the authority

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of Government for continuing the allowances to the families of certain Yeomahdars deceased, according to the list which accompanied that communication.

Fort St. George
...5th August 1817
...sp. 5 Septr. Do.

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

W. Cunninghame
Secretary

Ent'd W.G.

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To the Collector in Madura & Dindigul.

Sir,

Para 1st. I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 3rd of October 1816, and in reply to inform you that the Plan you allude to, as proposed in your letter of the 13th April 1813, for building Salt Godowns, appears to the Board objectionable on account of the expense.

2d. The quantity of Salt dissolved by the rains of the Monsoon is

is not sufficient to warrant the adoption
of any expensive measures for preserving
it, because its intrinsic value is com-
-paratively inconsiderable. —

3°   It is an object of much
greater importance that the salt
heaps should not be diminished by
theft or fraud; and to effect this,
the Board desire that all the salt
at each of the pans in your District
be stored, on raised ground, each
heap to be precisely of the same length,
breadth, and height, and consequently
of the same solid contents, say ten garces
and that one heap only be opened at a time.

4th   Under this plan, the bare
inspection of such heaps, will be sufficient to
determine

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determine whether any considerable quantity of Salt has been clandestinely sold or taken from them, which, when the heaps are of an irregular shape, it must be difficult to ascertain. —

5th. The deputation of one of your Assistants to the Salt pans, in order to see this arrangement uniformly carried into effect seems desirable — and after the heaps have been made as before directed, the total quantity of Salt at each pan can be ascertained by calculation instead of measurement.

Fort St. George
16th. October 1817
Desp. 23. Do. Do.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

[signature] Campbell
Secretary

Compd.
W. G.

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To the Collector in Madura and Dindigul

Sir,

Para 1 Very general Complaints have of late been made by Collectors of Settled Districts, of the inefficiency of the temporary Ameenahs, employed to collect arrears from estates under attachment - These persons - whose employment rarely lasts beyond the - period of a few Weeks or Months, seldom hav sufficient experience for the due performance of their duty, and the certainty of a Speedy termination to it, diminishes that Zeal which is so essential in all public business,

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and which is best kept alive by making employment and promotion follow industry and successful exertion, I am directed, therefore, by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to desire that in those settled Districts where attachments are frequent, Collectors will submit their opinion on the expediency of entertaining a fixed establishment of Ameenahs, propor-tioned to the number of Estates which usually fall under arrears in their Dis-trict or at least of such a number as would be necessary to check and control the additional number which might occasionally be required when the num-ber of Estates at one time under attachment

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is great —

2. The pay of these permanent ameenahs will of course be fixed at such rate as may be considered necessary to ensure the services of respectable natives, and the total expense will be nearly covered by charging a due proportion of it to the estates that may fall under attachment

3. You will submit for the approval of the Board and sanction of Government a detailed Statement of the estimated expense which this arrangement will involve.

4. Should you be of opinion that the number of Estates in your District which fall in arrears is too small

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to render any alteration in the present mode of managing them beneficial, you will communicate this circumstance for the information of the Board.

Fort St. George 27th October 1847 } I am Sir,

Despr. 30th Do.

Your most Obedient Servant

Compd. W.

W. D. Campbell
Secretary

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To the Collector in Dindigul and Madura

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Sir,

I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue, with reference to various applications and orders in the Diaries of certain Collectors, to desire that in all the lands under your immediate charge, the Inhabitants share in cases where the Revenue is customarily demandable in kind be delivered to them as soon as the grain is thrashed out, and that no delay should take place in causing the Gross Produce to be thrashed where the Revenue

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is payable in money the gross Produce should be delivered up to the Cultivators immediately it is reaped. If it be absolutely necessary to retain any part as security for the Revenue, the Board trust that it cannot be necessary to retain more than the equivalent of the Government share. The remainder or inhabitants share should therefore be made over to the Cultivators without delay in order to prevent loss from theft and from bad weather, and to furnish to the Cultivators the means of subsistence.

Fort St. George
3d November 1817

Despd. 6 do. do.

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

W. Campbell
Secretary.

Compd.
W. Gn.

Revenue Department

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To the Collector in Dindigul and Madura.

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Sir,

Para 1 With reference to the enactm[ents] contained in Regulation VII 1817, a copy of which it is presumed has been forwarded to you by Government, I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue particularly to call your attention to the duties which under Section VIII thereof, at present devolve upon you.—

2. The want of information respecting the amount, the nature, and the appropriation of the revenue[s] belonging

belonging to mosques, Hindoo Temples, or other public institutions, has long been complained of by the Board of Revenue, and, except in a few instances their orders to the Collectors on these subjects have not been so much attended to as could have been desired.—

You will now perceive that by the present Regulation you are formally invested, under the orders of the Board, with "the Superintendence "of all endowments in land or money "granted for the support of Mosques, "Hindoo Temples or Colleges, or for other "pious and beneficial purposes, and "of all public buildings such as "bridges, Choultries, or Chuttrums,

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"and other edifices", and also of "all esch

and I am directed by the Board to

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before the 1st of May next, a full,

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of these subjects.—

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will separate the endowments mad

by Government from those made

by private individuals, and you wi

discuss each distinctly, and apart

from the other, in the following

order.—

Endowments by Government.

1st Devastanum endowments, or those

for the support of Mosques, temple

or other religious institutions.—

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2. Chuttrum endowments, or those for the support of Choultries or other charitable institutions.—

3. Endowments for the support of Colleges, Schools, or other institutions connected with education.—

4th. Endowments of a miscellaneous nature, for the support of any other public institutions.—

5th. Shotriums, Mocassahs, Inams or other endowments to individuals, for various "pious or beneficial purposes".—

Endowments by private individuals

1st. Devastanum &ca. (as above) by individuals.—

2d. Chuttrum &ca. as above by ditto

3d.

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3. Indowments for institutions or connected with education by individu[als]

4th Miscellaneous Endowments by [...]

5 Under each of these respecti[ve] heads, you will state the amount of the revenue or property belonging to the respective institutions, the manner in which it is collected and appropriated, and the nature of the establishment for its management and you will submit any suggestion[s] for its improvement that may aris[e] in the course of your enquiries. For instance, under the head Devastanum revenue, the Board would wish to learn the number of mosques and temples, the amount and nature

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of their revenue, whether in land, marahs, maumauns, or voluntary contributions - the state of the buildings and lastly the establishment entertained and checks imposed or which you are of opinion should be impos by the Collector for controuling the servants at the Pagodas, and ensuring the due collection and appropriation of the revenues —

6 The Board understand the Regulation to give you a general authority over Choultries and other public institutions, even where they are supported by individuals, so far at least as to authorize your enquiring and ascertaining

whether

whether the intentions of the found[ers]
are carried into effect, and your preven-
-ting fraud and embezzlement of
their revenues.—

7 Respecting Choultries, bridg[es]
and other public edifices, you will
report whether any are out of repai[r]
in your District, and of such a
nature as, if repaired, would be
conducive to the convenience of the
community, in the latter case, you
will submit estimates and plans
for their repair—

8 You will attend parti-
-cularly to sections IX, X, XI & XII of the
Regulation in question—

9 The Board, in conclusion,

desire

desire me to point out to you that
the Regulations now in force, or that
m[illegible] hereafter be enacted for the
punishment of fraud or embezzle-
-ment by the Native revenue
servants of Government are, by the
present Regulation, extended to "all
"Native servants, and to all trust[ees]
"managers, or Superintendents" &c
employed in the collection custody
or appropriation of the revenue fun[ds]
or other property belonging to the
institutions in question - It is
hoped that this provision, inserte[d]
by the Board, will enable you mo[re]
effectually to controul these revenue
10 You will state whether
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any escheats exist in your District;
and if so, you will submit your
opinion respecting the best mode of
disposing of them.—

11 The object of this Regulation
is to protect existing institutions
from abuse, to aid not to impede
by direct sircar interference the
management of private endowments
you will accordingly observe that
the duty imposed on you by the
Regulation now referred to is that
of general superintendence, not
detailed management and the object
of the present address is the obtaining
at as early a period as may be
practicable a correct knowledge
of

of the actual existing state of manage-
-ment of the several endowments
and institutions referred to - you will
therefore confine yourself chiefly to
careful enquiry for the present and
not proceed to disturb any existing
mode of administering their
concerns, without a previous
reference to the Board and receipt
of their orders. —

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant

Fort St. George
20th November 1817
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Secretary —

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Send me out
the Regt. Draft
in order to the
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to send the above
mentioned in the
other State
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To the Collector in
Madura and Dindigul

Sir,

Para 1. I am directed by the President and Members of the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date 21st November 1817, forwarding your Jummabundy and Histbundy of Madura and Dindigul for Fusly 1226. These documents will be submitted in course to Government, with the remarks of the Board.

2 So far back as the 1st of March 1812 you reported to the Board

Board that great errors existed in the
survey and Assessment made by Mr.
Hurdis of the Revenue of Dindigul in
Fusly 1210, and the consequent injury
which had arisen to the people and
to the public revenues, and you pro-
posed a new survey and Assessment
to be undertaken by yourself, in
order to remedy these evils. This
measure you again pressed upon
the consideration of the Board on
the 19th December of the same
year.

3. It is unnecessary to
recapitulate the intermediate orders
of the Board on this proposed
alteration, founded on the supposition
that

that a system totally different in
its nature from the Ryotwar was
about to be introduced into the district.
It will be sufficient here to state
that the directions which you
ultimately received on the subject
were contained in the Board's letter
to you under date the 11th September
1815, where [illegible] calling your attention
to their report to Government dated
3d August, on the Revenues of Madu-
-ra and Dindigul for Fuslies 1220,
1221, 1222, and 1223 their instructions
were as follows—

"In forwarding your report
"on the Settlement for the late Fusly
"1221 the Board will expect to

receive

"receive from you the information
"alluded to in Para 54, as to the precise
"extent made in the reduction of the
"teerwas both as regards Madura and
"Dindigul, and they desire that
"you will be explicit on that point."

"The proposed revision of
"the survey and classification of the
"lands of Dindigul has been recon-
:sidered by the Board in their address
"to Government, and on reference to
"Paras 55 to 61 inclusive, you will
"perceive that the Board do not object
"to your undertaking a reclassification
"of the lands of Dindigul in
"communication with the inhabi-
:tants provided it precede the final
"reduction of the teerwas."—

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4 In your answer to this lett[er]
dated 22nd of March 1816, after enume-
-rating the inconveniences attending
the reduction of the Teerwa of Mr.
Hurdes in Dindigul without a
reclassification of the soil, you
stated that you were then employ-
-ed in both these measures, and
that as soon as some Villages were
completed you would forward the
result to the Board—

5. In their proceedings dated
11th April 1816 the Board took into
consideration your report on the
Settlement for fusly 1224 and other letters
from you connected with that subject.
They there noticed that you had
omitted to furnish the report of the
reduction

reduction of Teerwas during Fusly 1223, which had been expected from you. It was further observed respecting the settlement of Dindigul for Fusly 1224, that it appeared that remissions had been allowed to the Inhabitants on account of over assessment to the amount of Star Pagodas 2530.36.2. from which beneficial effects had arisen, but that you did not state whether this remission arose from a modified classification only of some of the lands in Dindigul, from reduction in the general rates of assessment thereon, or from both these operations combined; this point you were directed to explain

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in your still promised report.

6 This report did not make its appearance between the period of the foregoing remarks, and your report on the Settlement for Fusly 1225 and then you merely prepared a statement of one Village in the Toddy Combov Division "to shew" as you stated "in what mode you were proceeding to accomplish this object" In the Board's proceedings upon that Settlement they stated their approval of the principles pursued by you in lowering the teerwa, and again repeated their hope of receiving at an early period your report on the measures adopted for reforming the Ryotwar rates of

of assessment in Dindigul &ca.

7 From the above details, it appears that, although repeatedly called for, this long expected report has never been furnished by you, and there is not even an allusion made to it in your present report on the settlement for fusly 1226. The Board direct me therefore to remark to you that this report is most materially deficient, in not furnishing any account whatever of the nature of the settlement made in Dindigul for fusly 1226. that is, whether it is formed on the old or new rates of teerwa and to what extent the new rates, differ from the old rates. your reports of

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-former years afford some information regarding Madura but the settlement of Dindigul has never been at all explained by you - The only conclusion respecting it are to be drawn from the mere statements which have accompanied your letters.-

8 These Statements in the present instance are unnecessarily detailed and numerous.

9 One Jummabundy and Kistbundy Statement for the whole Province with a Statement comparative would suffice, instead of giving separate statements for each Province - Detailed statements of each Village unless required to elucidate particular

subjects

subjects are unnecessary —

10 The Board direct me further to communicate to you their desire that the Provinces of your Collectorship should hereafter be consolidated in your accounts under the head of un-settled District and settled District, assumed or Aumaune District and be divided into as many Taseeldaries as may be necessary for their efficient management.

11. An explanation of the cause of no report having been made of your progress and the result in reforming the survey rates of assessment in Dindigul will be required to accompany the report now called for —

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12 In conclusion, I am directed to observe that the Board will hereafter expect from you more attention to their orders, and to your public correspondence, you have taken upon yourself to proceed in a most important duty, without reporting your progress in it to the Board, and they will therefore expect a very full report from you, in order to enable them to judge how far your measures merit their confirmation.

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servt.

Fort St. George
29th December 1817.
Despd. 8th Jany. 1818.

A. D. [redacted]
Secretary

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